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## Arafat, Kreisky continue meetings

VIENNA, July 7 (AP) — Representatives of the Socialist International Saturday continued talks with Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The talks were to be joined by former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, president of the Socialist International as well as chairman of the West German Social Democratic Party.

While Austrian president Bruno Kreisky expected a "fruitful" exchange of opinions with Arafat, Shimon Peres, the head of Israel's Labor Party told a radio interviewer he did not think the talks could lead to anything positive.

The Israeli Labor Party intended to lodge a sharp protest to the Socialist International for inviting Arafat and rejected such contacts.

In an interview with "Die Press," however, Kreisky seemed to have anticipated such protests. "This will harm me as much as my visit with (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat or that I was the first (Western statesman) to travel to East Germany," he said.

Sadat and Kreisky have met several times. A year ago Kreisky arranged a meeting between Sadat and Peres in Austria.

The Austrian Chancellor added he personally could not see a comprehensive solution in the Middle East without the United Nations and, by the same token, without the Soviet Union.

Arafat said in a brief conversation with reporters at the airport he would be deciding as yet agreement with the present Israeli politicians — he apparently meant those presently ruling in Israel — and he added he felt the Camp David accord "killed" the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

Kreisky and Brandt one year ago authored a document which contained what they called four principles for a settlement of the Middle East issue.

## Worth SR4.5 million

### Society donated land plot

RIYADH, July 7 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh and Islamic Charitable Society Chairman Prince Salman Saturday sent his thanks to Riyadh resident Saad ibn Abdullah Al-Sayed for his donation of one million riyals and a plot of land worth 4.5 million riyals to the society.

The donation came in response to a recent appeal by the society, which was established to help Muslims throughout the world.

The new society has so far received 14,875 million riyals in cash, apart from the value of land it has received and gifts from some of the founders. Prince Salman has donated a piece of land worth 30

## Saudi Arabia, Libya rap treaty

RIYADH, July 7 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Libya reiterated their rejection of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, saying it ignored the rights of the Palestinian people and was inconsistent with Arab and Muslim aspirations and the Arab League Charter.

This was stated in a joint communique Saturday at the end of Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi's official visit. Qaddafi left for Sanaa, the same day after visiting the Prophet's Mosque in Medina and performing the Minor Pilgrimage.

The two countries reaffirmed their determination to strive for the realization of Arab and Mus-

lim aspirations and to work for a unified Arab stand to meet the challenges and the dangers of Zionism, the communique said.

They also reiterated their absolute support for the just struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization and their right to return to their homeland to set up their own state.

They called for the liberation of all the occupied Arab territories, including the holy city of Jerusalem, and stressed the need to carry out the resolutions of the Baghdad Arab summit after Camp David and those made by

the Arab ministers of foreign affairs and economy after the peace treaty.

The two sides agreed to develop bilateral relations in every possible way for their mutual benefit and that of all Arabs and Muslims.

They reviewed the situation in Africa and reaffirmed their support for the struggle of the African people for independence and their right to self-determination, strongly condemning racial discrimination of all kinds. They stressed the importance of Afro-Arab cooperation and African support for Arab causes, especially for Palestine.

## PLO challenges U.S. on talks

BEIRUT, July 7 (Agencies) — A senior Palestinian leader challenged the United States Saturday to enter into an "open or secret" dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"It is the United States who is refusing a dialogue with the PLO," said PLO's second in command Salah Khalaf. "As far as we are concerned, we are ready anytime to begin a dialogue with the American administration."

Khalaf, code name Abu Iyad, said however the United States was out to "slaughter the Palestinian people with a cold knife. Therefore it remains the number one enemy of the Palestinian people."

In an interview with Beirut's newspaper "As Safir," Khalaf accused the Carter administration of encouraging Israel to escalate a war against Palestinians in Lebanon.

He warned that Israel might invade U.N.-policed southern Lebanon anew and even drive east to overrun the Bekaa Valley and strike at the bulk of Syria's peacekeeping forces in Lebanon.

The Syrians maintain 22,000 troops in Lebanon to police a 31-month-old civil war armistice.

Tension runs high between Syria and Israel following their first air battle in five years that flared over south Lebanon 10 days ago.

The Syrians have since put their air defense system on alert and vowed to intercept any future Israeli air raid on Palestinians in

Lebanon despite warnings not to do so from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Khalaf said he was against "involving Syria in a premature battle" with Israel in Lebanon, because "Syria should retain the option of picking the right time and area for combat."

Khalaf described as "politically illiterate" the American representative at the Palestinian autonomy talks between Israel and Egypt, Robert Strauss.

Khalaf said Strauss was chosen for the job by the Carter administration "just because he is a Jew and thus can extract some insignificant concessions from Israel to satisfy (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat."

But Strauss is totally illiterate, politically and otherwise, as far as the Middle East question is concerned. One can't possibly debate the issue with him logically, because he is not familiar with it," said Khalaf.

## Communist chief to quit Italian post

ROME, July 7 (AP) — Enrico Berlinguer has indicated his willingness to step down as leader of the Italian Communist Party in the wake of unprecedented electoral losses.

But in a speech to the party's central committee released Friday, Berlinguer left his future as secretary general of the largest Communist Party in the West up to his comrades.

"My comrades know that I personally did nothing to get the office I have. Neither have I done nor will I do anything to keep it," said Berlinguer, who has headed the Communist Party for the past seven years.

## U.S. F-5Es to Egypt postponed

WASHINGTON, July 7 (R) — The United States has announced postponement of the planned sale of 50 F-5E fighter-bombers to Egypt.

State Department officials said Saudi Arabia had refused to provide the promised funds for the \$ 525 million deal for the time being. The plane's manufacturer, Northrop, had been told to seek other customers for the planes, they said.

Officials described the postponement the biggest single Arab reprisal action against Egyptian president Anwar Sadat since he concluded a peace treaty with Israel in March.

Saudi Arabia joined other Arab states in instituting an economic boycott against Egypt, but it agreed to go ahead with deals already concluded before the treaty signing.

The F-5E deal had undergone several major changes since the Carter administration proposed it in February, 1978, as part of a package sale of warplanes to Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

Up to a few days ago, State Department officials had said the F-5E deal was still under discussion with Saudi Arabia.

But Friday an official said although it's still conceivable it will go through, it is not being actively pursued at this time."

The State Department disclosed the postponement in a terse six-word written answer to a reporter's question put earlier this week.

## Egypt invited to Havana summit

NEW DELHI, July 7 (AP) — Cuba has invited Egypt to attend the nonaligned summit meeting in Havana in September, Cuban Vice President Carlos Rafael Rodriguez told Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai here, an Indian spokesman reported.

The invitation followed attempts by some nations to block attendance by Egypt. However, the question of expelling Egypt from the movement because of its peace treaty with Israel may be taken up at the summit, the spokesman said.

Earlier, Desai said that India opposes Egypt's expulsion. Both countries were among the first to join the nonaligned movement.

Rafael, who arrived here earlier Friday, handed Desai a letter from President Fidel Castro which reportedly contained assurance that Cuba would make no effort to change the essential nonaligned principles at the Sept. 7-9 summit.

The spokesman quoted Desai as telling Rodriguez: "Mutual suspicions, rivalries and hostility among nations will disappear only after the military blocs were dismantled and all countries became nonaligned."

Rodriguez and Indian External Affairs Minister A.B. Vajpayee expressed hope that the Havana summit would not be a "battleground" between those who wish to preserve the present character of the movement and those who want to change it, the spokesman said.

## Strauss, Fahd meet

RIYADH, July 7 (Agencies) — Special U.S. envoy to the Middle East talks Robert Strauss arrived here Saturday from Amman.

Strauss was to meet Crown Prince Fahd Saturday night, according to the Saudi Press Agency.

He delivered a message from President Carter to King Hussein of Jordan during a four-day visit to Amman.

The contents of the message were not disclosed but they were believed to concern bilateral relations and the latest Middle East developments.

Strauss and King Hussein talked for almost two hours. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Strauss said the talks covered a range of issues.

"The King presented his perspective on the peace initiative and the areas of agreement and disagreement, discussed the relationships in this part of the world. He asked for nothing and I asked for nothing. He volunteered, really, nothing and I volunteered nothing."

A Jordanian official spokesman said King Hussein reiterated his country's position on the Middle East issue, which stressed its national obligations and adherence to the general Arab position.

Meanwhile, Jordan's chief of the Royal Cabinet Sharif Abdul-Hamid Sharaf said on television here, that a dialogue between the Arabs and the West was necessary for solution of the Middle East problem.

He said the Arabs must make two priorities for the — preservation of a united front and an increase in their own strength.

"These two priorities should be the basis of relations with the entire world," he said.



Crown Prince Fahd

Sharif Abdul-Hamid, who had just returned from Britain, said such a dialogue should make Western powers supporting Israel understand that a solution to the Middle East problem must be just and comprehensive.

Asked whether the Arabs would continue to cooperate with the West if it persisted in its support of Israel, Abdul-Hamid said the present situation was not normal.

"It is unnatural that occupation of our territories should continue and the Palestine problem remain unsolved, while we expect that economic and political relations between the Arab states and the West to continue unhindered," he added.

In another development, Egypt, Israel and the United States finally got round a deadlock over the agenda for their talks on Palestinian self-rule, opening the way for what the American delegate cal-

led "long, hard, tedious negotiations".

The three sides had spent six weeks trying to agree on the subjects to be tackled in connection with autonomy for more than a million Palestinians in the Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But after the closing session of their fourth round of talks, they issued a joint statement announcing the creation of two working groups. These will discuss Palestinian elections and what powers the residents of the territories should have, and will then report to the plenary conference.

The chief Egyptian negotiator, Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, told a news conference that the statement announcing the working groups constituted the agenda for the talks.

The statement said working groups to deal with other issues could be set up in future.

Strauss, in answer to press prompting, described the agreement as a breakthrough.

The joint conference statement said the first working group would deal with elections and other related issues, while the second would cover "powers and responsibilities and other related issues."

Israel is prepared to offer the Palestinians only a very limited self-rule while Egypt wants them to have broad political, legislative and judicial rights as a first step to independence.

The Palestinians themselves are boycotting the talks which they call a device to perpetuate Israel's hold over the territories.

## Four killed as house destroyed in N. Israel

TEL AVIV, July 7 (Agencies) — Four persons were killed and 10 wounded Saturday when an explosion rocked the Arab village of Kafr Manda in northern Israel, the state radio reported.

Two men and children were among those wounded by the blast in a house in the village about 12 kilometers north of Nazareth, the radio said.

No further details were immediately available as police investigated the cause of the explosion.

Also three French tourists were wounded Friday when a bomb exploded on a hill overlooking Jerusalem's old city, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said the two women and a man were standing with their tour group near a monument in the City's east sector when the bomb exploded. They were struck in the legs by shrapnel from the blast, he said.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) claimed responsibility for the explosion in Jerusalem.

A spokesman for the PLO's high military command in Beirut said in a statement an underground squad of the movement's "interior forces acting inside occupied Palestine planted the bomb in a restaurant at the Old City of Jerusalem."

The bomb, the spokesman said, "exploded on time, inflicting damage in the restaurant and demolishing a police car parked nearby."

Meanwhile Israeli troops staged raids into southern Lebanon Saturday and Friday, killing two Palestinians and capturing two others, a military spokesman said.

The raids were on the villages of Majdel Salem, about seven kilometers west of the Israeli border and Kantara, close to a United Nations controlled sector.

No specific reason for the raids was given, although Israeli leaders have repeatedly stated that Israel would take any action deemed necessary to uproot Palestinians from South Lebanon.

In Damascus, Syria accused Israel and its right-wing Lebanese Christian allies of planning a major escalation of violence against Palestinians in Lebanon and vowed air and land retaliation.

The Syrian government newspaper "al-Thawra" charged Israeli Prime Minister Begin had sent messages to Lebanon's two top Christian warlords urging them to "close ranks to cope with upcoming developments on the Lebanese arena."

The accusation was made after Lebanon's Beirut state radio said a 70-man Israeli army force infiltrated U.N. positions to raid a village in south Lebanon Thursday.

Israel's state radio said the raid was carried out by border Christian militiamen.

"Al-Thawra" said Begin's messages were addressed to the overall Christian political leaders, former President Camille Chamoun, and Phalange party leader Pierre Gemayel.

Neither could be reached in his headquarters at Beirut's Christian sector to comment.

Announcement of the raid in south Lebanon was an "Israeli-inspired move to escalate tensions in Lebanon," said Al-Thawra.

"But Syria's air and land forces will prevent Israel and its allies from accomplishing their objectives against the Palestinians and the Syrian peacekeeping forces alike," the newspaper said.

## Oman 'cutting' oil to Japan

TOKYO, July 7 (R) — Oman is to cut crude oil supplies to Japan, apparently to increase exports to the United States, industrial sources said Saturday.

Oman told the Japanese trading firm of C. Itoh and Company and international oil companies which deliver crude oil to Japan it would cut supplies by 30 per cent from October, the sources said.

Last year, Japan was Oman's biggest customer by importing 180,000 barrels of oil a day.



CONSULTATIONS: Italian Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer before microphones talks to reporters after meeting with Premier Giulio Andreotti at Chamber of deputies. Andreotti started consultations with party leaders in an effort to form a government after June 3 parliamentary elections.

It was the first time that the architect of Eurocommunism hinted at quitting his post. He delivered the speech Thursday at the end of four days of debate by the central committee, the party's policy-making body.

Many in the central committee broadly criticized party policies as responsible for the first Communist setback in an Italian general election last month. But the critics failed to agree on pinning down what or who specifically was to blame.

And no one challenged Berlinguer's leadership openly or voiced support for any alternative candidate to replace him.

The Communist Party has been swept by a wave of self-criticism since it fell four percentage points to 30 per cent in the June 3-4 parliamentary elections. Its archrival, the ruling Christian Democrats, held their own at 38 per cent.

Berlinguer acknowledged "errors ... in the direction of the center on the party," but did not specify them.

Instead, he defended the key lines of his policy, insisting in particular on his idea of a "historical compromise" with the Christian Democrats as a way to bring his party into the government.

He restated, however, the party's six-month-old decision of denying any kind of support to the government unless the Communists are granted cabinet seats. This is a departure from 1976-78 when the Communists provided crucial parliamentary support to Christian Democrat governments in exchange for an expanded policy-making role.

Berlinguer's text was released as Premier-Designate Giulio Andreotti concluded a round of consultations with party leaders in his ill-fated attempt to succeed him at the head of a new government.

Presidential sources said Andreotti, a Christian Democrat, was expected to call on President Sandro Pertini and report on his failure to line up a majority. Pertini is expected to tap a new premier designate Monday, either another Christian Democrat or a leader of smaller parties, the Republicans or the Social Democrats.

In his speech, Berlinguer rejected as "untimely" the idea of those in the party and in other leftist groups, including the Socialists, who sponsored the goal of an all-Leftist government.

Referring to what is known as the "Leftist alternative" to the Christian Democrat dominance, Berlinguer said: "We will not send out signals in that direction. Our duty is that of recalling the real terms of the social and political struggle in Italy."

One of the real terms, he said is that the Communists and the Socialists together add up to little more than 40 per cent of the electorate. Even more, he said, the Socialists insist in asking the Communists to convert to a "social democrat" ideology as the price of partnership.

## Bahrain bans new banks

### NCB to open Manama branch

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, July 7 — The Jeddah-based National Commercial Bank next Thursday will open the first wholly Saudi-owned offshore banking unit in Manama, Bahrain, according to bank officials Saturday.

The NCB announcement came at the same time as a statement from the Bahrain Monetary Agency that it was placing a moratorium on new banks until the end of the year.

The secretary general of the agency, Sheikh Ibrahim ibn

Khalifa Al-Khalifa, told reporters in Bahrain that the moratorium was imposed because the regional market already had enough. Out of 70 Bahrain banks, 50 are OBU's with assets estimated in 1978 at about \$ 23.5 billion.

The NCB branch will not be affected since approval from both the BMA and the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency was secured last year and the branch has been fully staffed and operational since the beginning of May.

Thursday's opening will simply be the official ceremony with NCB Vice-president Sheikh Muham-

mad ibn Salem ibn Mahfouz and other Jeddah officials attending. NCB will join Riyadh Bank, which is already operating offshore. However, the Riyadh Bank OBU, which opened last year, is a joint venture with Credit Lyonnais of France.

Arab Bank Ltd. of Jordan, whose Saudi operations are due to complete Saudization this year, also manages an offshore branch in Bahrain.

NCB, with total assets of around \$ 10 billion and 65 branches, is by far the largest of the 12 banks in the Kingdom.

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## Beware, embassy says

## Saudi tourists in U.K. warned

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, July 7 — The Saudi embassy in London has warned all travelers to Britain not to carry large amounts of cash or valuable jewelry because of the risks of being robbed.

SPA said Saturday that the

embassy advised travelers, with such valuables as jewelry to deposit them in banks for safe-keeping and to carry money only in the form of bank drafts or travelers' checks.

The embassy also advised travelers to Britain to obtain visas before leaving the Kingdom from

the British embassy in Jeddah, and to register their names and addresses at the consular section of the Saudi mission to London.

People arriving without visas have been detained at Heathrow for up to 48 hours. In some cases they have been sent out of the country on the same plane they came on.

Gulf Arabs in London are frequently the target of thieves and swindlers.

Our sister newspaper "Asharq Al-Awsat" reported last week that a tourist from the United Arab Emirates, named as Sabah S. M., was robbed of £30,000 in cash and 521 gold souvenirs.

An Egyptian woman known only as Badriyah and a man posing as a Pakistani businessman were wanted for questioning, but the police could not track them down because of insufficient information.

Sabah said that he had been staying in the Cumberland Hotel, off Oxford Street, when Badriyah and the Pakistani struck up a friendship with him. They persuaded him to come and stay with them in their flat, but as he was checking out, they picked up his briefcase and disappeared.

The couple had told him that his possession of the gold souvenirs was illegal, so he did not go straight to the police for fear of prosecution for smuggling.

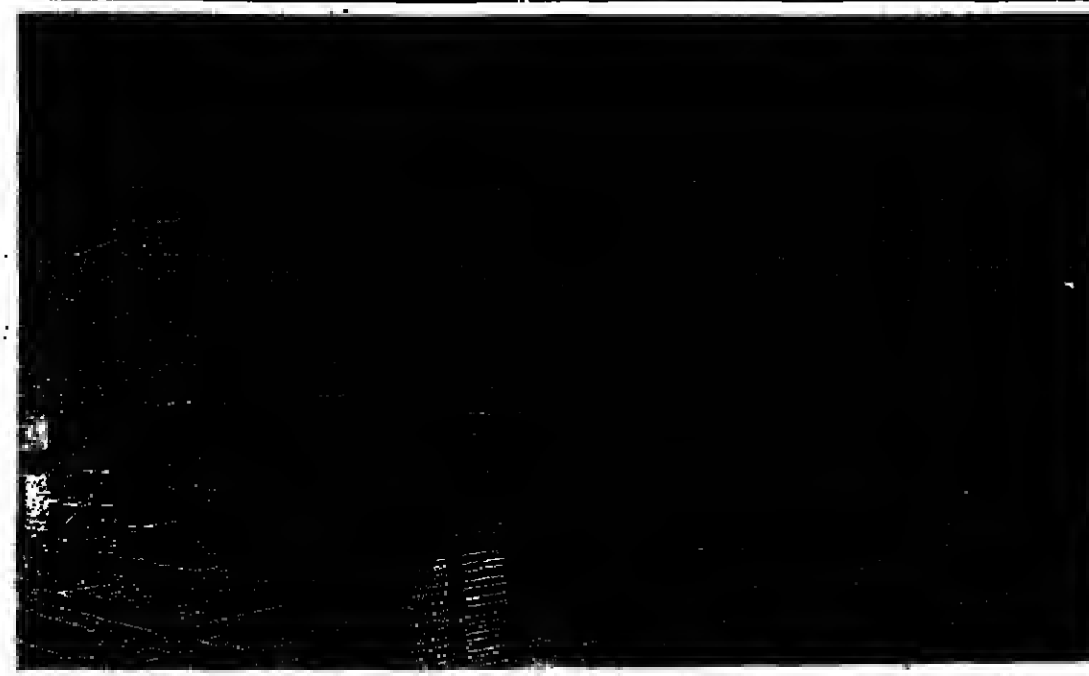
Despite frequently stringent security precautions, a Kuwaiti recently reported the loss of a case with nearly £200,000 in cash and jewelry from his room in an expensive hotel. An unnamed Saudi lost an attaché case from a room in a Mayfair hotel.

"Asharq Al-Awsat" also reported a Lebanese film director had had his flat in a smart area of London emptied of its valuables one evening while he was out.

## Mayor speaks on boom in Jeddah's population

JEDDAH, July 7 — Only 30,000 people lived in Jeddah in 1952, but that number rose to 300,000 three decades later, Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi says.

The daily "Al-Bilad" Saturday quoted the mayor as telling the French magazine "Jeune Afrique" that the first-ever socio-economic study of Jeddah, carried



CRANE CITY: Just a few months ago, Jeddah Towers was a tangle of cranes. "Al-Medina" newspaper hopes when the apartments open, Jeddah's high rents will plummet.

## A flat is an elusive dream

## Jeddah groans under high rents

JEDDAH, July 7 — Over the past three years an apartment has been an elusive dream for many. Now that "For Rent" signs are at last appearing, the cost per month is prohibitive. Only foreigners can afford to live in the so-called deluxe flats now on the market.

"Al-Medina" reported Saturday that one, Salem Ali Al-Yunbawi has been looking for an apartment for the past 18 months. Recently, he found a two-room which costs him over SR2,000 a month.

There are all too many similar stories. In one area of Jeddah, there are 15 people living in a three-room apartment that is rented for SR400. The lease was signed ten years ago.

There are now an estimated 150 buildings of 20 apartments each

and approximately 1,200 houses on Jeddah's real estate market.

But their rents are so high that ordinary people cannot afford to move in. Many landlords demand a full year's rent in advance and often find it more profitable to leave their buildings vacant until rich tenants snap them up.

In Jeddah recently, eight tenants refused to leave a condemned building because it taken them so long to find a place to live.

Another problem is the rapid increase in sub-letting. Many people take out leases on an entire building and sub-let the apartments at exorbitant rates.

The Real Estate Development Fund contributes SR30,000 to the cost of building a block of flats. Added to this advantage is the fact

that landlords are not subject to any form of rent control.

According to one recent survey quoted by "Al-Medina", there are now about 75 buildings in Jeddah about to come on the market. Of these, 30 will not be habitable until water and electricity are connected. The owners of these buildings are expected to follow the general preference for the moneyed foreigner over the poorer Saudi.

The scarcity and high cost of flats is also an intolerable burden on young married couples. Many are forced to live separately while the search for a home goes on, often with no end in sight. Isam Adnan, a 27-year-old Jeddah man, has been married for three years and has yet to find a place to live.

## Gold leaps in Jeddah market

JEDDAH, July 7 — The price of gold in Jeddah has reached a record high of SR 35 per gram. "Al-Bilad" reported Saturday.

## Youth chiefs meet in Morocco

RABAT, July 7 (SPA) — The Executive Bureau of the Council of Arab Ministers of Youth and Sports began in Mohammedia town of Morocco Friday. The Saudi delegation is led by Prince Faisal bin Fahd. The meeting was chaired by Iraqi Youth Minister Karim Mahmood. The bureau is to discuss ways of increasing its activities.

## Charity approves SR7m budget

DAMMAM, July 7 (SPA) — The General Assembly of Saif's Social Services Society has approved a SR 7 million budget for fiscal year 1979/80. The assembly met Friday under the chairmanship of Sheikh Abdullah Sulaiman Al-Matrouf.

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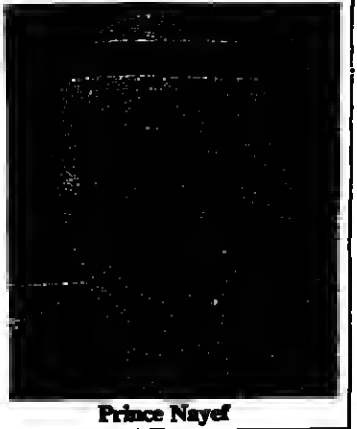
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In China  
Nayef tours police school

TAIPEI, July 7 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Nayef, now on a visit to the Republic of China, was taken to the Taipei Police Academy Saturday.

The police High Commissioner, Geo. Kuo Lin Shung had explained to him the Academy's role. Prince Nayef later witnessed a parade of cadets.

He was described as being highly impressed with China's achievement in internal security. He was also reported as saying that great possibilities existed for co-operation between his country and China.



Prince Nayef

## Gulf security indivisible, Abu Dhabi heir asserts

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, July 7 — A senior official of the United Arab Emirates has warned that the security of the Gulf is indivisible and that a threat to any one Gulf country is a threat to the region as a whole.

Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahayan, deputy supreme commander of the UAE armed forces, said in an interview published in Paris "the major powers must realize that the Gulf cannot be the scene for their rivalry and

remain a peaceful region." This is apparently a reference to reports that the United States was intending to increase its military presence in the Indian Ocean and Gulf.

The statement comes at a time of increased public interest in the security of the region, coinciding with last week's meeting of senior officials from Saudi Arabia and five Gulf states to watch a display of capability by Saudi armed forces and air force units stationed at Khamis Mushait, 50 miles north of the North Yemen border.

Although moves toward a Gulf security pact stalled at a Gulf summit conference in Muscat in 1976, Interior Minister Prince Nayef said recently that there was room for far greater security cooperation between Gulf states.

Sheikh Khalifa, who is also heir to the emirate of Abu Dhabi, also said in the Paris interview that the UAE was making an effort to increase its defensive potential. "This is designed for self-protection and for peaceful co-existence with its neighbors", he said.

## Ibn Baz opens college council

MEDINA, July 7 (SPA) — Medina Islamic University's Supreme Council opened its fifth session Saturday, presided over by the chairman of the Board of Scholarly Research, Fatwa, Propagation and Religious Guidance Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Abdullah ibn Baz, representing Crown Prince Fahd, who is also the chancellor of the university.

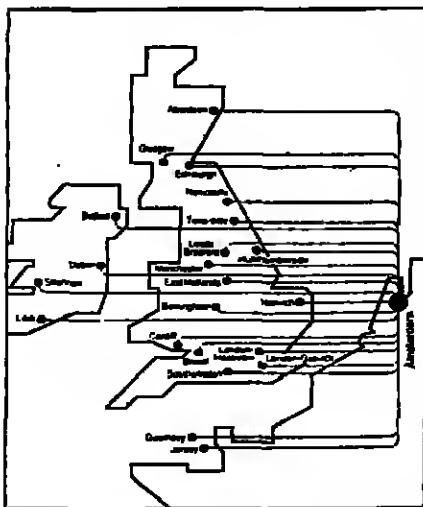
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## OAU parley opens with attack on Zimbabwe Rhodesia

MONROVIA, July 7 (R) — President William Tolbert of Liberia Friday opened the annual Organization of African Unity (OAU) conference with a bitter condemnation of the black-led government in Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

President Tolbert said the principle of one-man one-vote had been "contemptuously mocked" in Zimbabwe Rhodesia's April elections.

"This so-called internal accord is by no means acceptable to Africa," he said.

He called for increased political, military and diplomatic support for the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance so it could intensify its war against the Salisbury government.

At the same time he urged states which were already members of the OAU to consider creating "ad hoc action machinery, including a Pan-African force which will prevent the eruption of hostilities, stop actions of confrontation and insulate our brothers, sisters and children from unnecessary destruction."

In the newly-built conference hall where Tolbert spoke, the chairs of two countries involved in internal African wars — Chad and Libya — were vacant.

Two rival Chad delegations flew to Monrovia Thursday night but neither was seated when the conference opened in the flag-decked Unity Hall.

It was believed that a credentials committee would decide which of the two delegations should be allowed to sit to represent the strife-torn Central African country.

One delegation is led by Captain Dering Koumabak, foreign minister of President Mahamat Choua's government and the second is understood to include representatives of the pro-Libyan faction led by former deputy Ahmad Aycl.

Another conflict to be discussed at the Monrovia conference is the Western Sahara war between Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas and Morocco and Mauritania in the phosphate-rich territory.

A Polisario delegation led by a top front official has arrived in Monrovia to discuss ways of ending the four-year old conflict.

President Tolbert's condemnation of the biracial government in Zimbabwe Rhodesia was strongly supported by Kenyan Foreign Minister Muryua Waiyaki.



AFGHAN PROTEST: About 75 slogan-shouting Afghan students protested Thursday outside the Afghan Embassy in New Delhi against the leftist Kabul regime's strong links with Moscow.

### Revolutionary guards blamed

## Mujahedin offices attacked in Iran

TEHRAN, July 7 (R) — Islamic revolutionary guards attacked offices of a left-leaning guerrilla organization for more than five hours Friday in the holy city of Mashhad, a spokesman for the Mujahedin guerrilla group said.

The attack was the second in two days against offices of the left group.

The spokesman said two members of the group's youth wing were injured in the assault in the city near the Afghanistan border.

The attack began at 2.30 Friday morning with a sustained barrage of machine gun fire on Mujahedin youth wing offices. The shooting from rooftop emplacements continued until seven a.m. when the guards switched their target for an hour to the main headquarters of the guerrilla group.

The spokesman said a revolutionary guard commander ordered a ceasefire. The Mujahedin took refuge behind the barricades and did not return the fire to avoid bloodshed, he claimed. The Mujahedin played a major fighting role in the revolution which toppled the Shah of Iran earlier this year.

Islamic militants in the holy city of Qom, headquarters of Ayatollah Khomeini, Thursday attacked Mujahedin headquarters there.

Revolutionary guards took over the organization's buildings and

### Strike paralyzes communications across Lebanon

BEIRUT, July 7 (R) — Lebanon's telecommunications links with the outside world were cut for the second day running Friday because of an indefinite strike by workers at the central post office.

A spokesman for the strikers said they would remain out until their demands for higher pay and improved working conditions were met.

He accused the authorities of ignoring their "just" claims for many years.

arrested three members, saying they were suspected of throwing a grenade into a guard training ground earlier in the day.

The Mujahedin have been under pressure from Islamic militants in the past week over the group's defense of one of its members, arrested by revolutionary guards on charges of spying for the Soviet Union.

Three demonstrations in Tehran by Mujahedin supporters have been disrupted this week by Islamic militants shouting: "The Soviet spy must hang."

The Mujahedin spokesman in Mashhad claimed that Friday's attack was apparently carried out on the orders of the leader of a local revolutionary committee, which imposes law and order on a local level in the name of Ayatollah Khomeini.

He said the revolutionary guard

commander who called the ceasefire had described the clash as fratricidal and said it did not have the authority of the central government.

The spokesman said local civilians were still demonstrating in the town and demanding that the Mujahedin be disarmed.

### Barre starts visit to Iraq

BAGHDAD, July 7 (R) — French Prime Minister Raymond Barre arrived here Saturday for a three-day visit to Iraq.

His talks with Iraqi leaders are expected to center on the Middle East situation and closer Franco-Iraqi cooperation, including an arms-for-oil swap.

Meanwhile, Iraq and Britain have expressed satisfaction with the outcome of British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington's visit to Baghdad.

## Moroccan paper urges use of oil weapon

RABAT, July 7 (R) — Arab and Muslim states should use the oil weapon to force Western nations to support the creation of a Palestinian state, the pro-government Moroccan daily "Maroc Soir" said Friday.

"It is not a question of blackmail," the paper said in an editorial. It pointed out that Western nations had voted for United Nations Resolution 242 demanding the evacuation of occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem.

"Today the Western economy is more vulnerable than ever." It is therefore urgent for Europe, for America, as for the Arab world precisely because there are still moderate regimes, to definitively settle the Palestinian problem and the only solution — is the recognition of a Palestinian Arab state," it added.

"America in particular has the means of imposing this settlement if it was able to impose a phony peace on Egypt. It can and must impose a just peace," the paper concluded.

### Barre starts visit to Iraq

The Iraq News Agency said a joint statement noted the "fruitful result" of talks between Lord Carrington and Iraqi leaders.

"Lord Carrington's visit to Baghdad represents the first move by Britain to improve relations with Iraq after years of quarrelling and acrimony."

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"What can a retired general do?"

## Somoza says he is ready to resign

WASHINGTON, July 7 (Agencies) — President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua said Friday he was ready to resign and that the time of his departure was up to the United States, the "Washington Post" reported.

"I am like a tied donkey fighting with a tiger," Somoza said. Somoza has offered the United States his position "provided... the institutionality of the National Guard" and his Liberal Party are guaranteed and there is an orderly transition of power.

But Somoza admitted he was "in no position now to impose anything. I am not negotiating." He believed his wishes would be met because they were also in the interests of the United States, which wants to avoid a coup by more radical elements allied with the Sandinista National Liberation Front.

Somoza acknowledged an agreement with the United States in which his resignation is being

postponed while U.S. and Latin American diplomats and members of the moderate Nicaraguan opposition negotiate with a guerrilla-backed provisional government junta.

### Russian diplomat claims Canada bugged embassy

OTTAWA, July 7 (R) — A Soviet diplomat Friday accused Canadian police of bugging the Soviet Embassy and the missions of other Socialist countries in Ottawa.

The charge came amidst a controversy over surveillance of foreign diplomatic missions by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

The Canadian Press News Agency quoted Igor Lobanov as saying the embassy had proof of bugging but did not give further details.

If the five-member junta can be persuaded to add at least two more politically conservative members, and Somoza agrees it is not "Marxist dominated" and will guarantee a place for the National

Guard, he will order a cease-fire before leaving the country.

Refusing to leave would mean "just lengthening the bloodshed in this country."

"Even if I win militarily, I have no future."

He did not know where he was going or what he would do in exile. "I might find a job some place. What can a retired general, a retired president, do?"

"I feel that in my conscience, I have done whatever I have had to do according to the laws of this country. People might have different ideas about me, but my conscience is clear."

Somoza's forces and guerrilla troops are maneuvering for position around Masaya, but neither has taken the first step in what could be the decisive battle of Nicaragua's civil war.

National Guard helicopters were seen flying in fresh troops, indicating a heavy government commitment to put all of its muscle into the push on Masaya.

Somoza reportedly has 1,000 or more troops in the area for the Masaya campaign. Some are from Jinotepe, south of Masaya, where the government abandoned its National Guard headquarters Thursday.

The government said the withdrawal, which gave yet another city to the Sandinistas, was a tactical move intended to concentrate available troops around Masaya for the counter offensive.

The Sandinistas claim it was a rout after 48 hours of fighting.

### Voyager to study riddle of Jovian moon Europa

PASADENA, California July 7 (AP) — As the photographs of Jupiter are beamed back to Earth from Voyager 2 scientists expect the star of the show to be Europa, one of the giant planet's moons.

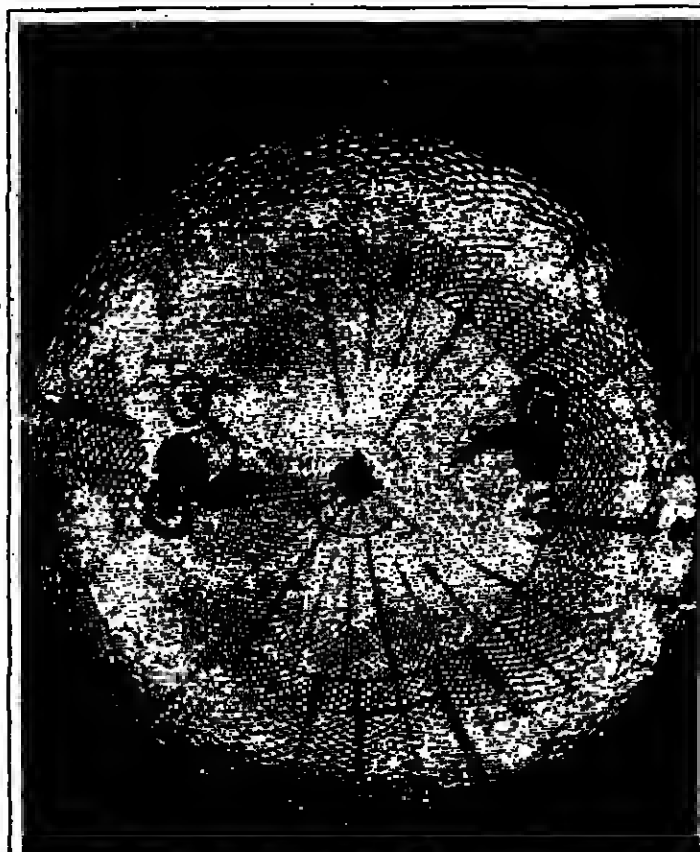
"Europa is the one we know the least about," project scientist Edward Stone said. "That's the missing link in our knowledge of Jupiter's moons."

The planet's most distinctive feature, a red spot about three times the size of the Earth, shows some as yet unexpected changes in the cloud formations in the area.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory scientists are as interested in Jupiter's moons as in the planet itself because, as Stone says, "They are like a miniature solar system."

Jupiter has 13 moons. The Voyager 1 spacecraft got a good look at three of the four major ones — Callisto, Io, and Ganymede. Voyager 2 will take pictures of the dark sides of Ganymede and Callisto.

The first Voyager's surprising discovery of volcanoes on Io prompted scientists to change Voyager 2's program to include 10 hours around Io in hopes of filming an eruption. Io and Earth are the only bodies in the solar system known to have active volcanoes.



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### Nigerians begin election for return to civilian rule

LONDON, July 7 (R) — Nigeria, under military government since 1966, began a series of elections Saturday which will return it to civilian rule.

The voting is the climax of a four-year program, adopted in 1975 when a group of officers

overthrew General Yakubu Gowon, the then head of state.

The new federal constitution, drafted after a year of debate by a constituent assembly, is designed to balance power between the country's 19 states and a federal government and between an executive president, a two-chamber legislature and an independent judiciary.

The voters of Black Africa's most populous nation will elect a Federal Senate and at intervals of one week, a House of Representatives, state legislative assemblies and state governors.

Finally a presidential election will be held on August 11.

Five parties are contesting the elections, all with a similar left-wing outlook.

Candidates have been screened to check whether they had paid their taxes for the past two years. More than 800 of the 8,700 candidates were debarred.

### Lusaka summit

## Nkomo vows peace during Queen's visit

LUSAKA, July 7 (R) — Patriotic Front co-leader Joshua Nkomo Friday said his Zambia-based guerrillas would halt their attacks into Zimbabwe Rhodesia during the visit to Zambia by Queen Elizabeth and the Commonwealth Conference.

Nkomo said he was stopping the cross-border infiltration to avoid giving the Rhodesian forces a pretext to stop the conference.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa also pledged Saturday his security forces would take no action that would endanger the Queen at the Commonwealth Conference.

And he would be prepared to respond positively if the guerrillas fulfill their promise to reduce attacks on civilians inside Rhodesia.

Nkomo said, "I would like to assure everybody concerned that we would like the Commonwealth Conference to succeed and that we will not yield to subversive propaganda or provocations calculated to disrupt our brotherly relations with the people and government of Zambia."

The ban on movement across the Zambezi River which forms the 720-kilometer border bet-

ween Zambia and Rhodesia would last from 0001 local on July 25 to 2400 local on August 10, Nkomo said.

The Queen is to start her nine-day state visit to Zambia on July 27, and the Commonwealth summit is scheduled to begin on August 1.

Nkomo's statement came shortly after senior British security officials returned to Britain with a report which is understood to assert the Queen's visit would be no more dangerous than others she has made and recommended that it should go ahead as planned.

The report, compiled after an assessment of the security situation in Zambia by the officials who include people from Buckingham Palace and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's staff, was to be presented to the government later this week.

Among the causes for concern were fears that guerrillas of Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU), who have in the past opened fire at civil aircraft, might shoot at the Queen's plane.



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## Soviets worry about Iran's new policies

By Dey Murarka

MOSCOW — For the first time since the overthrow of the Shah, the Soviet Union has directly criticized Iran and expressed concern that the government there may be preparing to re-align itself with the United States. The platform for the attack was a commentary by Tass, written by Vladimir Govorov and published prominently in the main foreign news page of "Pravda" recently.

The article criticized a television interview in which Iran's Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs accused the Soviet Union of interfering in Baluchistan and wanting a warm water port in the Gulf. The Soviet commentator asked: "What is concealed behind such absurd inventions? Incompetence or a provocative play?"

Russia has become extremely sensitive about Iranian developments in recent days because of two factors.

The first is Iranian involvement in support for opponents of the Moscow-backed Taraki regime in Afghanistan. The second is tension between Iran and Iraq, which embarrasses Moscow.

Russians are confused by contradictory Iranian statements about relations with the Soviet Union. For instance, the Soviet Union has neither reported nor commented on the warning by Ayatollah Khomeini to the Soviet Ambassador in Tehran that Russia should abandon Afghanistan.

Yet Iran's new Ambassador to Moscow, Muhammad Mokri, a close associate of Khomeini, never tires of making statements in Moscow and Tehran about the good relations between the two countries.

His panegyrics are often accompanied by praise for the role played by the Soviet Union in preventing possible American military intervention against the revolutionary forces when they were still seeking to overthrow the Shah.

The Tass commentary amounts to a warning to the Iranian leaders that they cannot go on indulging in anti-Soviet campaigns and still expect Soviet friendship — (OFNS)



## The future of Greece: New worry for NATO

By Keith Kyle

ATHENS —

NATO countries are keeping a wary eye on the political plans of the 72-year-old Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis.

If he should stand down from the premiership, as seems likely, he might open the way for an election victory by Andreas Papandreu's Panhellenic Socialist Party. That, in turn, could bring Greek withdrawal from the alliance, not to mention its newly negotiated membership of the Common Market.

The decision Karamanlis must make is whether to accept the Presidency in May 1980. If he does so, and thus quits active politics, it is unlikely that his

New Democracy Party will win the subsequent general election, due before the end of 1981.

The most likely result would be a Parliament without an absolute majority. But there is a possibility that Papandreu's Socialists could win. After all, they shook the Greek political world by taking 92 seats in the 1977 election against the New Democrats' 1/3, and the ruling party has lost a lot of popularity since then.

Everything Karamanlis is for, Papandreu is against. Papandreu says that "when we take power" there will be a referendum on membership of the EEC and he is confident that the people will vote it down.

That is rather unlikely if the issue is kept to the Common Market. But if it becomes entangled with

NATO membership, the outcome is far less certain.

On the other hand, Papandreu has probably lost popularity by his decision to boycott the parliamentary debate on the ratification of access to the EEC. This high-handed decision, while thoroughly characteristic, has annoyed the Greek people, who feel deprived of a grand debate.

Karamanlis's premiership has been a success story so far — restoration of democracy, solution of the problem of the monarchy, the making of a new Greek official language of State (instead of the archaic written language used until recently), the reorganization of the armed forces, the joining of the EEC.

By staying in office during the difficult times ahead, which could bring diplomatic setbacks in

Cyprus and the Aegean, he risks failure because the decisions on these matters do not rest primarily with him.

The latest developments in Cyprus are not encouraging. Talks which were supposed to be "carried out in a continuing and sustained manner, avoiding any delay" appear to have broken down.

Papandreu's patriotic feelings over Cyprus are sure to take advantage of any Karamanlis initiative that collapses.

Earlier this month, the Archbishop of Cyprus said Karamanlis had told him that he would not end his political career until the problems of the island were solved. But, as 1980 approaches, the Greek Premier may find the option of the Presidency increasingly attractive. — (OFNS)

## PLO GESTURE

One of the arguments put forward privately by Americans in defense of the administration's decision not to deal with the PLO is the political risk any administration would be running if the organization decides to capitalize on the overtures in a propaganda campaign that would depict Washington "capitulating" to the PLO.

While such fears are understandable, they are unfounded. First and foremost, the PLO's interest lies in a just and equitable solution to the Middle East question, and not in scoring tactical propaganda victories. To believe that the PLO would be willing to forego a peace prospect in favor of propaganda is a very limited and unrealistic view. The PLO has often expressed its readiness to open a dialogue with the United States, and the latest call for opening negotiations with Washington came from Abu Iyad who reaffirmed that "as far as we are concerned, we are ready anytime to begin a dialogue with the American administration."

Although Abu Iyad went on to accuse the American administration of refusing such a dialogue, he avoided putting any preconditions on possible future talks.

The image of the PLO in the West in general and in the U.S. in particular is that of a terrorist organization — a misconception fueled by a press highly sympathetic to Israel. But administration officials know better. The PLO is essentially a political organization with a military wing. And although it has indulged in acts of violence, its history reveals that violence was a last resort when political efforts ran their course. To stigmatize the PLO as a terrorist organization is the attitude that would make the PLO turn to desperation and more violence. Violence for its own sake was never a line advocated by the PLO. There are few people around who can put forth a better argument against violence than the Palestinians having been its victims for decades.

The U.S. can rest assured that the PLO's interest in a peaceful solution exceeds that of any other party, and if the U.S. believes that the Palestinians favor shedding more Palestinian blood when their aspirations can be realized at the negotiating table, it would be committing a tragic error. Like Americans, or any other people, the Palestinians prefer life to death.

The latest call to Washington to open a dialogue is an expression of hope and faith in the power of reason, and reflects a willingness on the part of the Palestinians to lay down the gun if reason promises to be a better instrument.

It is hoped that the U.S. will appreciate the sincerity of the gesture and grasp the one opportunity that can mean the success or failure of its peace crusade.

## The Kennedy advantage: Will it hold up next year?

By Bill Peterson

WASHINGTON —

Sen. Edward Kennedy's 2-to-1 lead over President Jimmy Carter in public opinion polls appears to exaggerate his potential strength as a presidential candidate, a "Washington Post" poll indicates.

Much of Kennedy's support, the poll suggests, comes from people who hold positions on issues that are almost diametrically opposed to the positions held by the Massachusetts senator.

If he became a candidate, a good bit of that support could be expected to disappear. Nonetheless, Kennedy would still hold a sizable lead over the president at the outset of any contest between them.

Twenty-three per cent of those polled supported Carter and 46 per cent supported Kennedy. But Kennedy was favored by an even higher percentage of people who want to cut taxes, get tough with the Soviet Union and slow the pace of integration.

Kennedy, an outspoken liberal, also outpolled Carter by 22 percentage points among those who called themselves conservative Democrats.

Another indication that Kennedy's popularity is unrelated to issues came over the question of a government-sponsored health program. Kennedy, the author of legislation for national health insurance, polled as well among people who opposed such a program as among those who favor one.

Polling authorities offer three explanations on why issues have such little bearing on Kennedy's standing in the polls. Voters don't care about the issues, and, most important, Kennedy's celebrity status, and the image of Camelot it invokes, overrides other considerations.

"Teddy Kennedy is a movie star. People are responding to him just like they would to Jimmy Stewart or Robert Redford," said Gary Orren, an associate professor of government at Harvard University who assists the "Post" in its national polls.

"There's an artificiality to his lead," Orren added. "There would be an erosion if he were subjected to the rigors of a campaign."

That same statement, in only slightly different form, was echoed repeatedly in interviews with a series of the nation's leading political pollsters, academics and campaign consultants, including those who worked closely with the 1976 campaigns of Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, and Jimmy Carter.

Just how much erosion is uncertain. "Right now, Kennedy has the best of all worlds," said Robert Teeter, a respected Republican pollster. "He can pick his issues. He can do it without answering any of the negatives. In a campaign it would be a different situation."

Nevertheless, he said, "my inclination is that Kennedy would beat Carter if they went head to head."

Kennedy has consistently said he won't be a candidate for the 1980 Democratic nomination if Carter runs. But polls by George Gallup, Louis Harris and other organizations have shown him to be favored over Carter about 2 to 1, a finding similar to that of the new "Washington Post" poll.

In addition to finding that Kennedy gets support from people who seem opposed to him on issues, the "Post" poll found Kennedy benefits from a backlash against Carter's handling of the nation's economic and energy problems. More than half of the Democrats interviewed in the survey gave the president a negative rating on both counts.

Kennedy was favored 82 to 12 per cent over Carter by those who don't like the way the president has handled the economy and by 79 to 16 per cent by those who disapprove of his energy policies.

Carter outpolled Kennedy 60 to 39 per cent among the minority who like the president's energy programs, and by 61 to 37 per cent among those who approve of the way he has handled the economy.

Carter's perceived successes in foreign policy, however, haven't helped him much, according to the "Post" poll. It shows that 62 per cent of those interviewed think he is doing a good job in this area, but that same group favors Kennedy as a presidential candidate, 55 to 43 per cent.

The president has similar problems among those

who think highly of his overall performance. Among those who give Carter an overall job rating of seven on a scale where 10 is ideal, only 30 per cent favor his reelection over Kennedy.

This hits at the heart of Carter's problem with Kennedy. Simply put, the president is judged harshly on his perceived failures, but he is not getting political credit for his successes. Kennedy isn't judged by the same standards, the "Post" poll indicates. White House aides have said as much for months.

The "Post's" findings were part of a larger poll of voter attitudes toward the 1980 race. A total of 1,808 persons were interviewed by telephone in the poll. Of that total, 750 identified themselves as Democrats.

Carter's position in the polls, of course, may change by next year. Few things are as fluid as presidential politics, or the American public's fickleness in judging its presidents. Then, too, there are few solid signs that Kennedy intends to become a candidate.

It is also instructive to note that a July, 1975, Gallup poll found Kennedy leading the next highest Democratic presidential contender, Alabama Gov. George Wallace, by 27 percentage points, and then President Ford by 24 points. A year later, Jimmy Carter of Georgia, who didn't even show up on the 1975 poll, was the Democratic nominee for president.

Many political scientists hold that presidential races are decided on the judgment voters make of the record and leadership of the incumbent, and not on the promises of the challenger. This currently works against Carter. The complaint most voiced about him by those polled was that he was a poor leader. Among those people interviewed who said they place a premium on leadership, Kennedy outpolled Carter, 3 to 1.

Kennedy also has an unusually strong base among influential groups in the Democratic Party. In "Post" interviews of Democrats, he outpolled Carter 70 to 27 per cent among liberals, 71 to 28 per cent among blacks, 71 to 23 per cent among union

members and their families.

Kennedy is a liberal and has been closely identified with positions favored by organized labor and civil rights groups.

It is more difficult to understand why he outpolls Carter among those who think of themselves as conservatives. Kennedy, for example, outpolls Carter 5 to 1 among persons who think racial integration is moving too fast.

Although Kennedy repeatedly has challenged Carter's efforts to control government spending, Kennedy outpolls the president 52 to 18 per cent among those who think taxes should be cut even if it means putting off other programs, and 57 to 38 per cent among those who think the government must have a more balanced budget even if that means spending less money on health and education.

"Kennedy's appeal is not related to issues," says Republican pollster and strategist Teeter. "It's a personal perception. And in politics, perception is reality."

"There is a mystique about him. He has inherited it," says Seymour Martin Lipset, a Stanford University sociologist and political scientist. "It's the family thing, the glamour, the assassinations, everything. Plus, it has been clear for a long time that most people think the country is in real trouble."

"There's a feeling that we've had bad leaders for some time. Nixon, Johnson and Carter are all regarded as disasters by many people," he added. "What people are looking for is a leader. So when they do this they return to the Kennedy years, and the aura about the Kennedys."

Richard Wirthlin, Republican Ronald Reagan's pollster, says, "the bottom line is that people vote on their feelings toward a person rather than how they line up on issues, especially at this stage of the game. But there's no doubt in my mind that Kennedy's support would be narrowed considerably if he became a formal candidate."

"You have to remember the same thing that benefited Carter in 1976: those who were most confused on where he stood on issues were his strongest supporters." — (WP)

## saudi press review

Saudi newspapers Saturday led with the visit of President Muammar Qaddafi of Libya, African states' relations with Israel and the U.S. Defense Secretary's declaration that more American troops would be available for service in an emergency abroad.

In an editorial on Africa Al-Madina said there are many issues with which the Arab world is concerned in the continent "because there is so much in common between us."

"While the Arab world is suffering from Jewish imperialism and hegemony in Palestine and the holy city of Jerusalem, Africa is also a victim of white racist domination in South Africa, Rhodesia and Namibia. That is why we feel involved in the African struggle for liberation and economic well-being," the paper said.

"In return the African states have stood by the Arabs and the Palestinian people honestly and sincerely. There was no wonder that President Tolbert of Liberia should reiterate the continent's

insistence on solving the Palestinian problem before resuming diplomatic relations with Israel. "This is quite consistent with the Saudi government appeal to African states not to resume relations with Israel until the whole problem is solved."

Commenting on U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown's statements about America's new rapid reaction force and its ability to intervene in certain areas, Al-Madina said that this constitutes a fundamental change in international foreign policies. "The U.S. is simply pulling the world back to the dark ages and the law of the jungle," the paper said.

"It may also be noted that the U.S. has escalated its threats of armed intervention and has been

imagining situations to justify those threats since shortly after signing the SALT II agreement with the Soviet Union."

The paper said that since the Helsinki accord which resulted in détente, smaller countries have been watching greater and bolder superpower intervention and threats of using force in many parts of the world — notably Africa and the Middle East, where Israel has nearly razed southern Lebanon to the ground.

"Now it is the highest levels of the United States administration which threaten to use force in a stepped up aggression against others. At the same time the United States declared itself a full partner in the self-government negotiations while Israel refuses point blank to recognize Palestinian rights. As this is not incompatible with American policy, the prospects for a meaningful peace in the region remain as grim as ever."

"Israel's rejection of Palestinian right—shared by the U.S.—and the increasing tempo of American threats create a serious situation and threatens the peace and stability of the nations in the whole region," the paper said. "But whatever happens, and however savage American threats might become, the Arabs know their way quite well and will continue to fight for their rights at all costs and with all the power and resources at their disposal."

Commenting on the Interior Minister's visit to the Republic of China, Al-Bilad said it is part of the Saudi government's drive to consolidate relations with friendly countries. "The visit would consolidate the very good relations we have with that country and should lead to greater understanding for mutual benefit."

"Prince Nayef has made several visits abroad already, which proved of great value to us and to the countries concerned, not only

in security matters but also in opening new vistas for cooperation in other fields."

"It was unfortunate that two leaders of the leading democratic country in the world, the U.S., should take part in the so-called anti-terrorism conference in Israel," Al-Jazirah said.

"We wish that the Senators who attended the conference — including Henry Jackson — had stopped to remember at least one of the myriad of atrocities that the Zionists had committed and continue to commit against the Arabs." Could not they read on the faces of Begin, Dayan and Weizman the story of horror and terrorism in Palestine and see that they were the moving finger behind the destruction of a homeland and the dispersal of a whole nation?

"Why is it that Palestinian resistance is branded as terrorism while the depredations of Zionism are not?" the paper wondered.





## Hoping to cash in with banknotes from 'computer art'



Computer portrait of King Khalid

By Geoff Gardner

**DHAHRAN** — A young Indian computer operator, Syed Azmatullah, has come up with a scheme for producing what he claims would be counterfeit-proof currency notes and postage stamps — by computer.

Azmatullah, 29, is a "computer artist". Not for him the painter's smock, the easel and paint-splattered palette. His art is created sitting pressing buttons on a gleaming and expensive computer. Traditional artists may sneer, but to Azmatullah and other

devotees of the craft, what they produce really is art.

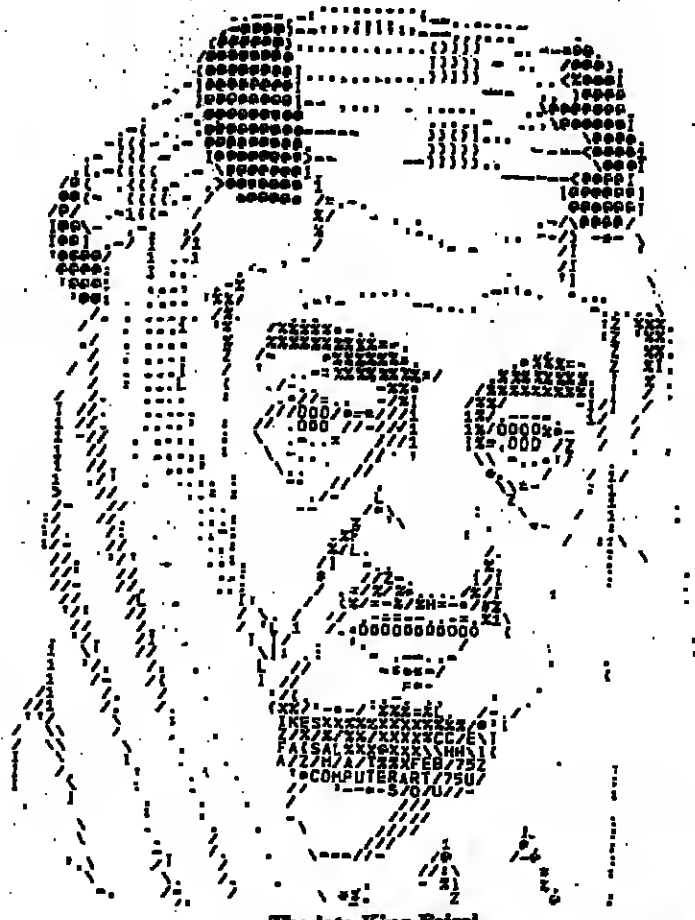
Lines, colors and shades are calculated in terms of "input". First, the computer artist punches out a series of cards. For an average picture measuring 11 by 8 inches, he makes 65 cards. Each card directs the computer to print a row of 80 characters. For each picture the artist has 5,200 spaces to fill, or to leave blank. This punching out can take up to six hours.

The computer artist must then make a program which tells the ever-obliging computer to read and print off the cards, to produce

the final product. This takes only seconds. More copies of the finished work can be run off at the rate of one every 30 seconds.

All this takes time and patience, since the method is one of trial and error. If the artist wants one area darker, the hair of his subject in a portrait, for example, he can overprint the lines, or rows.

Overprinting, or the selection of dense characters — such as the percentage symbol — creates a dark effect. The use of white space or sparse characters — such as a full stop — creates a light effect. The density of the characters pro-



The late King Faisal

duces the variety of shades.

The computer art procedure is something like the reproduction of photographs in newspapers, which use black dots densely clustered for dark areas and separated more widely for grays and whites. On computers, the range of characters per line can vary from 45 on a simple machine to more than 200 on more sophisticated computers.

Azmatullah, who came to Saudi Arabia in 1975 to work for Aramco, is confident he can reproduce any figure on his computer — in color, too. And

The density of the characters produces the variety of shades



Oil Minister Sheikh Yamani

was prime minister. Mr. Gandhi passed it on, says Azmatullah, to the Nehru Memorial Museum.

Another Azmatullah "portrait" was presented to a former Saudi Arabian ambassador to India.

Azmatullah is enthusiastic over his idea for computer-created banknotes. These would be counterfeit-proof, he claims, since to reproduce the currency the forger would need the original computer cards to reproduce the exact designs. To calculate the 85 characters on each of the 65 lines would, he says, be impossible, once the design was reduced to,

say, the size of a one-riyal note. Azmatullah, who works in Al Khobar, has practised computer art since he attended an international computer art exhibition in Hyderabad seven years ago.

He has produced computer portraits of King Khalid, the late King Faisal and oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani. But of late his output has been restricted. For, the frustrated computer operator complains with a flash of conventional artistic temperament, there is no computer around these parts that is adequate for his needs.

## The G.I. brides, aged 50

By Joyce Egginton

**NEW YORK** — One blustery day during World War II, June Willock was sitting on the deck of a rocky little boat, returning to mainland Britain from the Solly Isles. She was wearing battle-dress and clutching a bunch of daffodils.

With eyes closed and teeth clenched she was silently praying, "Please don't let me be sick." Suddenly she became aware of an American army officer trying to strike up conversation with her. She closed her eyes tighter still. "I was very wary of Americans because, you know, they would hold up one nylon in front of you and ask, 'Do you want the other?'"

If it had not been for the war, Enid Brazil, a teenage swimming champion with a shelf full of trophies, might have been on her way to the Olympics. Instead, as the protected youngest child of a middle-class family in Birmingham, she was doing a "safe" job in a high-class grocery store and getting in as much physical exercise as possible, in the hope that there would be international sports events after the war.

Skating at the city ice rink, she met a well-mannered G.I. in the Ordnance Corps and invited him home to tea. It seemed the polite thing to do and she knew her mother would approve. "Mother would often make GIs welcome because they were lonely and she was hospitable. It was her contribution to the war effort."

Reina Solomon's family home in the East End of London was totally demolished during the Battle of Britain. Saved by the Anderson shelter in the back yard ("we were growing brussel sprouts on top of it for Christmas dinner"), she moved to Salisbury in Wiltshire, where she got a job in a dress shop.

A girl-friend persuaded her to attend a social for troops stationed in the neighborhood. While they were sitting in the tea room, two American soldiers asked them to dance. Reina's partner bought her a peanut butter sandwich. He said he would like to see her again but she couldn't believe he was serious. "He was so good looking and I was so plain."

June, Enid and Reina, along with 30,000 other British girls, became war brides of American soldiers stationed in Britain. At that time most British people thought it was a glamorous and slightly reprehensible thing to do. "Aren't our boys good enough?" they would ask, tartly.

The war brides are now at least in their 50s.

June Warren, nee Willock, is now the wife of a successful lawyer (the same army captain she met on the boat), recently retired as Dean of the Columbia Law School and the president of an international pharmaceutical corporation. They live in a substantial and gracious house in New Jersey, furnished with English antiques. The large and sunny living room gives an impression of well-ordered com-

fort — needlepoint cushions on the sofa, an oil painting of an ancestor (June's) above the grand piano, sunlit trees seen through leaded windows.

June was born to a life like this. The only child of an air vice-marshal, she was at finishing school in Paris when war broke out. She went on to drama school in London against Mummy and daddy's better judgment — daddy being convinced that the patriotic thing to do at this stage was a ladylike war job.

He scotched a marvellous opportunity for her to appear in a West End musical with Beatrice Lillie and she compromised by joining the ATS — later the Women's Royal Army Corps. Then, using her stage name of Diana York, she transferred to a War Office programme, "Stars in Battledress," for entertaining the troops.

When she met her G.I. it struck her that it would be a good idea to find out whether this American could convey a message to mummy and daddy in Washington, daddy being assigned there with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The message was delivered. The American soldier continued to pursue her and they were married a year later. Shortly afterwards she crossed the Atlantic in a convoy, chased by German submarines.

"I had absolutely no idea of what my life would be like, except that my husband was a terribly nice man," she said. "I had learned nothing about America in school. At first I was not only homesick for my friends and career but for what I call the wavelength. It's hard to explain, but, however nice American people are, the mentality is different. I'm not a snob, but I suddenly woke up to realise that they thought I was being snooty because I was British."

The Warrens had three children. June found their teen years in an affluent American society particularly trying. "Other parents are too permissive. Whatever standards you have at home, children will do what the others do. They dress terribly and have no table manners. Eventually they grow out of it, but it takes much too long."

Whenever June visits London she is disappointed. "It isn't London any more. It's scruffy and grubby and it's ruined."

"So many English people are talking about money these days, and they never used to do that. It was thought very gauche. They also talk endlessly about their holidays. There are no porters at the stations and the taxi drivers won't take you anywhere unless it's where they want to go."

Enid Wood, nee Brazil, lives only a few miles from June Warren, but their paths never cross. Enid, the wife of an engineer, has a simpler home, also built in Tudor style and also Anglicized inside, in her case with "my bits of

Wedgwood and Doulton figures and a black and white picture of Anna Hathaway's cottage."

Like June, Enid was profoundly homesick when she first came to the U.S. After she had been here three years she met another British war bride and they commiserated. "We both felt there had to be a way of getting home cheaply, but there was very little air travel, only ships. A lady at the travel agency said, 'there must be a lot of English girls like you. If you could find enough you could charter a BOAC Stratocruiser.'"

Enid put a small advertisement in a New Jersey newspaper and the replies came rolling in. In May, 1951, she organized the first of many charter flights which took British war brides on visits home.

Enid's charter flights grew into an organization of American war brides Cosmopolitan Associates, of which she was president for more than 25 years. Chapters were formed across the country — "nothing formal, just monthly meetings where the girls could natter over a cup of tea."

"We talked about the food we missed so I wrote to one or two English firms and they sent me bulk orders: plum puddings, pickled onions, tins of steak and kidney pie, Bovril and Bisto. I used to go to the docks with my station wagon and stand in line with the stevedores. It was a tremendous amount of work, all voluntary. All told I imported ten tons of food, but I gave up in the late 50s when British food started to be imported commercially."

Reina Andrews (nee Solomon) is one of Cosmopolitan Associates' staunchest members. Her husband Peter, a teletype operator, recently retired and they live near the Atlantic shore of New York City.

She is immensely proud of her home with its English flower beds, its vivid astro turf lawn ("you can't grow grass here as green as they do in England, and this kind you can hose down if the dog messes"), its recreation room furnished like an English pub and its doornell which plays "God Save the Queen."

When she arrived in America in 1946 with her infant daughter Melody, Reina had no illusions. "A lot of the G.I.s had told the girls they had businesses of their own, but they hadn't. Peter didn't have anything to go back to and he told me so. I wasn't worried. I felt I could support the family if necessary or earn enough to pay my fare back if it didn't work out."

It did work and she has been happy. "I have had more here than I would have had in England. I pushed it, mind you. Encouraged my husband to do overtime, go places, buy things. And he has always been a worker. Our first home in New York was one room on Coney Island. Now we own this house. My parents always rented. The bay window sold me on it, that and the size of the kitchen." — (OFNS)

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## Hinault loses lead in Tour

ROUBAIX, France, July 7 (R) — Joop Zoetemelk of the Netherlands Friday dethroned Bernard Hinault of France from the overall lead in the Tour de France cycle race.

The 32-year-old Dutchman finished fifth in a superb ninth stage, a 203 kilometer ride between Amiens and Roubaix, more than three minutes ahead of the Frenchman.

The stage was won by Ludo Delcroix of Belgium, who broke away from a small group of riders, including Zoetemelk, a few kilometers from home.

Friday's stage included some of the most dreaded paved narrow roads which made the Paris-Roubaix cycling classic race so famous.

Hinault was slowed down by a puncture just as Zoetemelk and a group of other riders broke away from the main pack. Despite his desperate efforts, Hinault over managed to catch up with his rival.

The Frenchman was unlucky to suffer another puncture about 10 kilometers from Roubaix and he eventually finished three minutes 20 seconds behind Zoetemelk.

The Dutchman, who was more than one minute behind Hinault in the overall placings at the start of the stage, now leads the Frenchman by more than two minutes.

Andre Dierckx of Belgium, who finished in the Zoetemelk group and took fourth place, jumped up from ninth to third place in the overall placings, some four and half minutes behind the leader.

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SPEEDWAY: Denmark's Ole Olsen and Hans Nielsen (left and right foreground) surge ahead of New Zealand's Ivan Manger and Larry Ross to win one of the world pairs speedway championships in Denmark recently.

### At Puerto Rico games

## Canadian swimmers fight back

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 7 (R) — Puerto Rico-born Jesse Vassallo set a world record in front of his home crowd, as the United States collected four more swimming golds.

But finally, after four days and 21 events, Canada broke the American monopoly in the swimming pool at the Pan American Games here Friday.

Vassallo, a 17-year-old born at Ponce on the other side of the island, powered his way to a two minutes 03.29 second timing in the 200 meters men's individual medley, beating Canadian Graham Smith, the man who set the old record of 2:03.65 a year ago, by a distance in the final.

It was the second time this week that the Americans had set a world mark. On Tuesday, 15-year-old Cynthia Woodhead from River-

side, California, bettered her own mark in the women's 200 meters freestyle.

The first American defeat since the swimming events began on Monday came, as expected, in the women's 200 meters breaststroke, where the Americans are strangely weak.

The race was won by Canadian Anne Gagnon and for good measure her compatriot Joanne Bedard took the silver ahead of American Patricia Spees.

Miss Gagnon, a 19-year-old from Beauport but Quebec-born, clocked 2:35.75.

"Sippy" Woodhead won her third gold medal in the women's 400 meters freestyle which she won in 4:10.56, ahead of another American triple gold medalist Tracy Caulkins, and Linda Jezek duly won the 200 meters

backstroke in 2:16.07, ahead of Canada's Cheryl Gibson.

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## Pitcher Sambito impeccable

## High-flying Astros maul Cubs

NEW YORK, July 7 (AP) — Jose Cruz blasted a two-run homer and Joe Niekro became the first pitcher in the Major Leagues to win 13 games as the first-place Houston Astros defeated the Chicago Cubs 4-2 Friday.

Niekro, 1-3-3, left in the eighth in favor of Joe Sambito who finished up and gained his 10th save. Sambito has given up an earned run in 22 straight games.

Dan Schatzeder, who needed last-out relief help from Elias Sosa, stroked a two-run single in the seventh inning to give the Montreal Expos a 6-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Schatzeder, 4-1, got his game-winning off reliever Dennis Lewallyn.

George Foster's pinch-hit, two-out single in the ninth inning gave the Cincinnati Reds a 2-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Nino Espinosa pitched his first victory over San Francisco with the help of three runs batted in by Mike Schmidt and some loose giant defense as the Philadelphia Phillies beat San Francisco 6-1.

Dave Winfield opened the 12th inning with a home run to give the San Diego Padres a 6-5 victory over the New York Mets. Winfield's 19th homer of the season came off Tom Hausman, 0-4, the sixth New York pitcher. Mark Lee, 1-1, the fifth pitcher used by San Diego, pitched the final four innings for the win.

Rick Cerone's three-run homer powered the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-1 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Alan Bannister continued his torrid hitting 285 with a pair of singles as the Chicago White Sox handed the staggering Royals their seventh straight loss. It is the longest losing streak since 1974 for the three-time defending American League West champions.

Mike Hargrove drove home two runs, including the game-winner, and Sid Monge pitched 21-3 innings of scoreless relief as the Cleveland Indians nipped the Minnesota Twins 6-5.

Lance Parrish's two-run single sparked a four-run eighth inning, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 7-4 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers in the first game of a doubleheader.

Bernie Carbo, Mike Phillips and Jerry Humphrey each belted his first home run of the season, powering the St. Louis Cardinals to a 9-5 victory over Atlanta in the first game of a two-night doubleheader. The Braves' winning streak ended at six games.

### Nelson, Devlin in front

## Western lead shared at 4-under-par

OAK BROOK, Illinois, July 7 (AP) — Larry Nelson shot a 69 and 41-year-old Australian Bruce Devlin had a 71 to share the second-round lead Friday in the \$300,000 Western Open at a four-under-par 140.

Nelson, fifth-leading money-winner this season, missed only one green and avoided bogeys in shooting 35-34.

Devlin, who has been paying more attention to this business enterprises than golf the last six years, has not won since 1972.

Bob Clampett, the 19-year-old amateur who shared the lead after the opening round, stayed on the heels of the leaders with a 72 — 141. He rallied for a 33 after suffering a series of bogeys and a double-bogey for 39 on the first nine.

In perfect playing weather at the Butler National Course, and with the pins rucked into more difficult positions than in the opening round, Ben Crenshaw and tour rookie Mick Soli also managed 69s to move into contention.

Soli was at 142 with Tom Jenkins, a 31-year-old pro who has failed to take the cut nine times in 11 tournaments this year. Jenkins shot a 70 while Crenshaw was at even-par 144.

Tom Watson grouped at 143 with three struggle pros, Ed Dougherty and Eddie Pearce, both with 70s, and Dan Pohl with a 72. Watson had a 73. He posted a 34 on his opening nine, then collected four bogeys on the back nine in a collapsing 39.

WOMEN  
NOBLESVILLE, Indiana, July

7 (AP) — Veteran Shelley Hamlin posted a six-under-par 30 on her front nine Friday and finished with a four-under 68 to share the first round lead with Jan Stephenson in a \$100,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament.

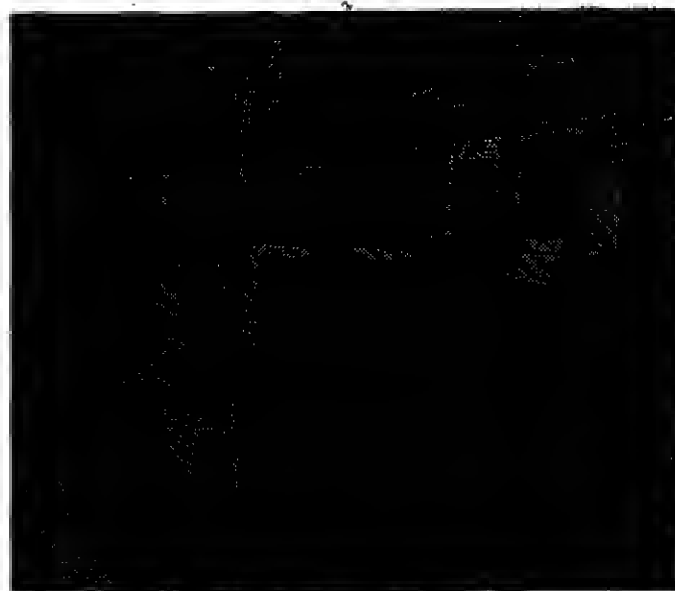
Hamlin, 30, had three consecutive birdies twice as she needed only ten putts on her front nine. Stephenson putted four consecutive birdies, starting on the 13th hole, to finish with a share of the lead with a 30 on the back nine.

One stroke behind the leaders was Canadian native Sandra Post, who now plays out of Boynton Beach, Florida, with a 35-34. Barbara Moxness, Marlene Floyd and Donna Horton White and Jerilyn Britts were next at 70.

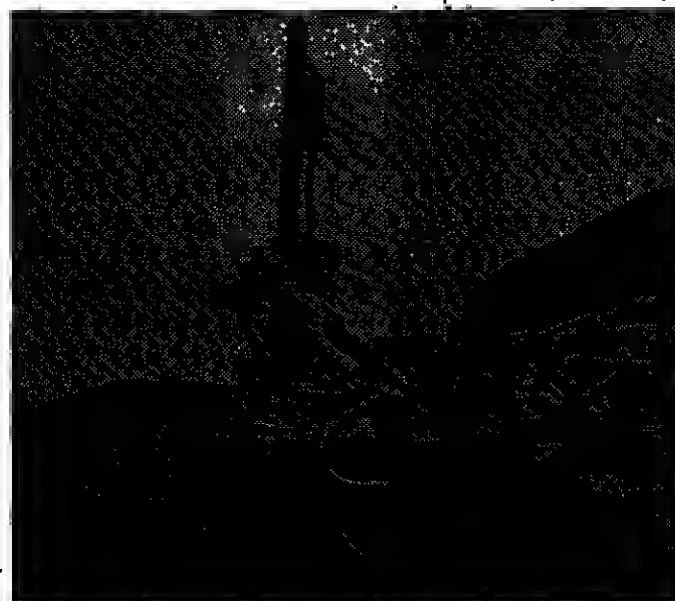


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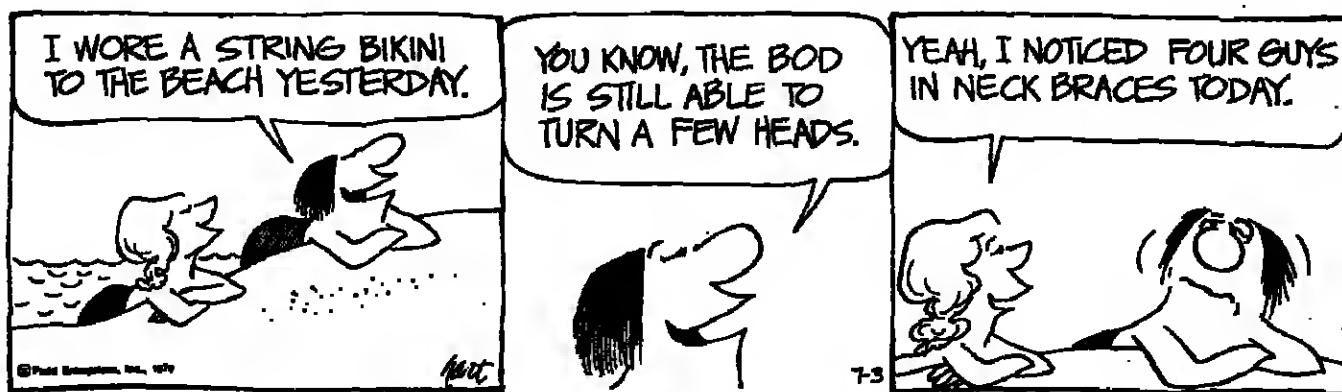
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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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6 Ice, Iron, etc. 1 Pranks

10 Verdi heroine 2 Lacking

12 Religious ethics

13 Forged 3 Get along

14 Girl's name 4 Wholly

15 Sea eagle 5 Belgian

16 Fetched 6 Frisky

17 Nettle 7 Butter up

18 Tease 8 Menu item

19 Generation 9 Vampire

20 Born: Fr. 10 goddess

21 Aperture 11 Bedeck

22 Elbow 12 High-strung

23 Wine 13 cask wood

24 Turkish city 14 Early

25 Feminist 15 Tomb

26 Name, for short 16 Greek

27 Mountain 17 Moisture

28 Earthy find 18 Measure

29 Measure for wool 19 Minuscule

30 Standard 20 Compared

31 MacLaine rule 21 In ecstasy

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